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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Welch, et al.

Group Art Unit: 2814

Serial No.: 09/491,900

Examiner: DiLinh Nguyen

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Docket No. 10991989-1

For: **A METHOD OF INTEGRATED CIRCUIT CONSTRUCTION WITH
PORT ALIGNMENT AND TIMING SIGNAL BUFFERING WITHIN A
COMMON AREA**

RESPONSE TO SECOND NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Office Action mailed June 20, 2001 (Paper No. 7) has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please consider the following remarks.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 50-1078.

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